(b) This information is not readily available.

People affected by Gandhamardan Bauxite Project

1177. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the *Minister of* STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) when the foundation stone of Gandhamardan Bauxite Project was laid and by whom;

(b what is the number of people likely to be affected and to lose their livelihood; and

(c) what is the percentage of tribal population affected and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) The foundation stone of Gandhamardan Bauxite Project of Bharat Aluminimum Company Ltd., (BALCO) was laid by Shri J. B. Patnaik, Chief Minister of Orissa on 2nd May, 1983.

(b) and (c) A total number of 226 families has been affected by land acquisition for the Project. Out of these 226 families, only 8 families are such whose entire land holding has been acquired and 4 families are such, whose huts have also been acquired. In the case of remaining 214 families, only a part of the land pertaining to them has been acquired. All of them have been paid compensation as determined by the State Government.

Out of these 226 families, 36 families belong to the Scheduled Tribes i.e., 60 per cent of the total number of families affected by land acquisition.

No person affected by Gandhamardan Bauxite Project is likely to lose his livelihood. Out of the compensation amount for land acquisition, it is reported that the concerned families have either purchased alternate land, or have acquired some assets or are engaged in some alternative occupation.

The management of BALCO has publicly stated that one eligible person from each of these 226 families will be provided gainful employment.

Purchase of TV sets for rural areas of Vidarbha (Maharashtra)

1178. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the companies who were given contracts for supply of 300 Television sets for use in the rural areas of Vidarbha (Maharashtra) in 1984;

(b) since when 289 sets out of 300 ceased working and the reasons for not keeping them in working condition;

(c) whether Government propose to replace them by new sets or the same will be used after repairing; and

(d) what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

World Bank assistance for drinking water

1179. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the States who have sought financial assistance from the World Bank for the drinking water supply and sewerage work;

(b) the amount sanctioned for the purpose, state-wise; and

(c) by when such sanctioned amount is likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Only two new projects, viz., the Manjira Water Supply and Sewerage Projects in

Andhra Pradesh and the Madhya Pradesh Water Supply and Sanitation Projects are under active consideration for World Bank Group Financing. Other projects like the Bihar Water Supply, Haldia Water Supply and Sanitation and Assam Water Supply and Sewerage Projects are in preliminary stage.

(b) and (c) The State Governments have to make allocation of funds in their annual plans for the projects, incur expenditure thereon and thereafter seek reimbursement of part of the expendtiure from the World Bank. No amount has been sanctioned from the World Bank for the above mentioned projects so far.

Television sets in Vidarbha (Maharashtra)

1180. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 300 Television sets were installed in rural areas of Vidarbha (Maharashtra) in the year 1984;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Television sets numbering 289 are not functioning and are lying inoperative since long; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to keep the 289 sets in working conditions to enable the people to view the national programmes?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Special rice production programme

1181. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to introduce a special rice production programme in all the States;

(b) if not, the States where such programme is proposed to be implemented;

(c) the States where such programme has already been introduced; and

(d) the details of the above centrally sponsored programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Special Rice Production Programme is already in operation from 1985-86 in the Six Eastern States of Assam, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. Further, Tripura has also been included under this Programme from 1988-89. However with a mid-term review it is now proposed to take up a Special Foodgrains Production Programme in 14 States inclusive of the above state and rice as a focus crop is taken up in the following additional states:—

1. Andhra Pradesh, 2. Gujarat, 3. Haryana, 4. Karnataka, 5. Maharashtra, 6. Punjab, 7. Tamil Nadu.

(d) Special Rice Production Programme is meant for increasing yield of rice in the Eastern States through imparting skills and increased use of inputs like High Yielding Variety Seeds Fertilizers, Pesticides and Implements.

Agricultural projects with foreign collaboration

1182. HRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the Agricultural projects under implementation in the country in collaboration with DANIDA, SWITZERLAND, ITALY AND CANADA;

(b) the places where those are being implemented;